DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) seeks written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Matadequin Creek in Hanover County, VA. The subject stream segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for bacteria and pH. The bacteria and pH impairments addressed are located from the confluence of Parsleys Creek to the confluence of the Pamunkey River, for a total of 5.1 river miles.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The public meeting on the development of the Matadequin Creek TMDL will be held on **Thursday, January 22, 2004, 7:00 p.m** at 4428 Mechanicsville Turnpike in the Eastern Hanover Volunteer Company #3 meeting room. The building is located on Rt. 360 (Mechanicsville Turnpike) on the east bound lane, approximately ½ mile east of the Rt. 627 (Pole Green Road) intersection, in Mechanicsville, VA.

The public comment period for this phase of the TMDL development will end on February 22, 2004. Information pertaining to TMDL development is available upon request or can be found on the DEQ's web site at http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Mark Alling, Department of Environmental Quality, 4949-A Cox Rd., Glen Allen, Virginia 23060, telephone (804) 527-5021, fax (804) 527-5106, or e-mail msalling@deq.state.va.us.